

Abstract

The thesis "Social Housing Policy in the Czech Republic and its target group" is focused at a contemporary situation of the social housing system and its relationship towards the people of housing distress. It is based upon the fact, that there has been no such legislative document approved, which would be comprehensively dedicated to the issue of Social Housing Policy, although various attempts have been reappearing for the last ten years, and current government defined the approval of such a document as one of its key political agenda. The thesis itself is based upon theoretically-methodological approach of targeted population's social construction, while using identification narrative to explain contemporary status, which occurs among policy makers. These narratives are defined as social reality overviews of researched reality and are distinguished by its own issue definition and mutual approaches to this topic. They also defend public interests, while also creating notions about targeted population. The thesis is also dedicated to define the impact of political decisions on targeted population, distribution of burdens and benefits. Three narratives were identified, while social construction of targeted population differs. Two of the even differs by narrative itself, which highlighted the fact, that considerable subgroup heterogeneity of targeted population makes all attempts of coherent actions problematic to achieve. The fact that policy makers engage exclusively on partial issue represents a significant complication. The solution to these partial issues will not lead to the improvement of the complex issue itself. "Business with poverty" issue was consensually recognized by policy makers, although the common ground how to deal with this issue was not reached. Denial of this issue is not possible, while housing fund, which could eliminate it, doesn't exist. Nowadays attempts to abandon the Social Housing policy create a significant menace to those groups, which are using this substandard form of housing to secure at least such living standards.